1	2	3	4	5
17.	Meghalaya	413	85	13
18.	Mizoram	346	58	9
19.	Nagaland	302	46	9
20.	Orissa	5927	1352	157
21.	Punjab	2852	484	105
22.	Rajasthan	9926	1674	263
23.	Sikkim	147	24	2
24.	Tamil Nadu	8682	1436	72
25.	Tripura	539	58	11
26.	Uttaranchal	1524	257	23
27.	Uttar Pradesh	18629	3551	287
28.	West Bengal	8126	1262	99
29.	A & N Islands	100	18	4
30.	Chandigarh	13	0	1
31.	D & N Haveli	36	6	1
32.	Daman & Diu	21	3	1
33.	Delhi	42	8	0
34.	Lakshadweep	14	4	3
35.	Pondicherry	80	39	4
	All India	137311	22842	3043

Figures are provisional.

Conference of Child Cancer Specialists in Delhi

525. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Child Cancer Specialists or Paediatric meet was held in November, 2002 in Delhi titled "International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)-Asia Conference", to deliberate upon whether child cancer is curable; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the meet and the message it has given for parents whose children have been afflicted with cancer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This Ministry has not organized or funded any such conference in November, 2002 in Delhi.

Inclusion of private doctors in TB Control Programme

†526. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private doctors are also proposed to be included in the TB Control Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), guidelines have been evolved for involvement of private doctors to increase the access to TB care services in the country. Private Practioners (PPs) can involve themselves in the implementation of RNTCP through the concerned District TB Control Society through following schemes:—

1. Referral of patients.

2. Provision of Directly Observed Treatment.

3. Designated microscopy centres set up for microscopy only or for both microscopy and treatment for which commodity assistance/ commodity and financial assistance is provided.

Increase in mentally ill patients in Orissa

527. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been unabated increase in the number of mentally ill patients in all the districts of Orissa as reported in the New Indian Express, dated 19th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.